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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Connecticut Joint Committee on Educational Technology (JCET), it is my pleasure to nominate two individuals for membership on the Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee (USAAC). The JCET is a legislatively established committee charged with developing and maintaining a long range plan for educational technology and assisting the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education with the effective coordination of educational technology. The committee is composed of representatives from K-12 and higher education, the State Library, professional education associations, business and industry, legislators and telecommunications providers. The JCET nominates Mr. Richard Akeroyd and Mr. Alfred Hopkins as representatives for library groups. The JCET feels confident that these nominees have the experience with, knowledge of and commitment to serve effectively on the committee. The requested information and resumes are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of Richard Akeroyd and Alfred Hopkins for positions on the Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee. If you need additional information on either one of our nominees, please feel free to call me at 860.666.4595.

Sincerely,

*Merle W. Harris*

Merle W. Harris, Chair  
Joint Committee on Educational Technology

cc: Sheryl Todd

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**Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee Nomination  
Representing Library Groups**

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Dick Akeroyd currently serves as the State Library's representative to the JCET (Joint Committee on Education), a legislatively established committee developed to assist the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education to effectively and efficiently use technology. The JCET is charged with developing and maintaining a long-range plan for educational technology. In addition to general participation, Dick has served on the JCET legislative and USF subcommittees.

Dick has been an active participant in activities related to the Universal Service Fund at both the state and national level. He has co-chaired a subcommittee of the JCET working to assist the schools and libraries in Connecticut with planning and application for USF discounts. The work of this committee was instrumental in moving forward on USF issues with the DPUC, making Connecticut to be one of the first states to obtain state DPUC acceptance of the nationally established rates. The committee has worked throughout the spring and summer to gather and disseminate information to schools and libraries and to plan for the most efficient means for coordinating state initiatives. The State Library has developed material to help public libraries develop and/or adapt their technology plans, posted USF information on its web site and engaged in discussion with library cooperatives throughout the state.

In addition, Dick is responsible for overseeing library development in the state, including technology applications and the implementation of a Connecticut Library Network. Dick has been an asset to the work of the JCET through his leadership efforts in bringing about collaboration among the State Library, Department of Education and Higher Education. As a result, much coordination of planning for libraries and technology has occurred.

At the federal level Dick served as a COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) representative to the U.S. Department of Education "E-Rate Implementation Working Group" which was established in response to paragraphs 571 and 574 of the FCC's May 8 USF ruling. As a result, he is familiar with issues and recommendations regarding technology plans, application forms/process and aggregation of requests. Dick also gained experience at the national level through his involvement with both White House Conferences on Library and Information Services, serving on the planning committee for the 1979 conference and as Advisory Committee Chair and general Co-chair of the 1991 Conference.

Information Services. Member of a seven person planning staff with two major areas of responsibility: consulting with states in planning their pre-White House Conference activities, and participation in overall planning and implementation of the national White House Conference held in November 1979.

September 1969 to September 1977

Connecticut State Library, Director of Planning and Research (August 1974 to September 1977)

University of Connecticut Library, Assistant to the Director of Special Collections (September 1969 to August 1974)

Manchester Public Library, Reference Librarian (part time) (September 1971 to July 1972)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Coalition for Networked Information, and co-chair of its Working Group on Legislation, Codes, Policies, and Practices. Also serving on the Steering Committee for ConneCT'96, a project to wire public and school libraries for Internet connectivity.

Currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, and the Council of State Library Agencies of the Northeast (COSLINE). Chaired the Advisory Committee for the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services (1989-1991), and co-chaired the White House Conference (July 1991).

Member of various professional associations including the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, the Council of State Libraries in the Northeast, and the Connecticut and New England Library Associations. Have held a variety of offices and committee chairmanships.

Have published numerous articles in the professional literature, and made numerous presentations at conferences in the U.S. and Canada. Delivered a paper on National Information Policy Development for the U.S. Information Agency and the National Library of Canada (November 1991). Most recent publication is "The Connecticut Library Network," *Library HiTech*, Vol. 14:2-3 (1996).

## PERSONAL DATA

Born January 25, 1942, married, two grown children. Veteran U.S. Air Force (1961-1965), honorable discharge, Vietnam veteran. Interests include fishing, hiking, bicycling, skiing, and travel.

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**EDUCATION**

University of Connecticut (1973-1977), Ph.D. Program in Educational Media and Instructional Technology. Thirty credit hours completed.  
University of Pittsburgh (1968-1969), MLS.  
University of Connecticut (1965-1968), BA.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Phi Delta Kappa (University of Connecticut Chapter)  
Beta Phi Mu (University of Pittsburgh Chapter)  
Librarian of the Year, 1985 (Colorado Library Association)  
American Library Association Washington Office, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honor Role, 1996

**LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

October 1986 to present - Connecticut State Library

State Librarian. Chief executive officer for the State Library, serving as the administrative agent for the State Library Board in the implementation of all policy matters and the operation of the Library and its divisions and units. Functional responsibility includes a main research library, the State Archives, the State Public Records Administration, the Museum of Connecticut History, a Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and two Library Service Centers, with an annual operating budget of \$10 million; also includes planning for statewide networking and resources sharing programs, promulgation of regulations and standards, and administration of state and federal grant programs.

January 1980 to September 1986 - Denver Public Library

Assistant City Librarian/Director of Public Services;  
Acting City Librarian, May 1984 to July 1985

Responsible for the administration of all public service functions for a library system consisting of a central research library, 21 branches, two bookmobiles, hospital and city jail libraries, an administrative and support services facility, and a cable TV channel, with an annual operating budget of \$12 million. Full participation in the daily administration and direction of the library, and overall administration in the absence of the City Librarian. Actively represented the library before the City Council, the State Legislature, and with various city and state agencies.

September 1977 to November 1979 - National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

Program and Planning Consultant for the White House Conference on Library and

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Mr. Hopkins serves on the JCET (Joint Committee on Educational Technology), a legislatively established committee, as a representative of the regional educational service centers. The JCET is charged with developing and maintaining a long range plan for educational technology and with advising the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education in matters pertaining to the use of technology in the teaching and learning process. Al has served as the co-chair of the JCET subcommittee on the Universal Service Fund (USF). The committee has been meeting throughout the spring and summer to assist the schools and libraries in Connecticut in preparing and applying for USF discounts. In addition, he has taken responsibility for posting comprehensive, up-to-date information on USF issues and links to other sites with USF information on the ACES web site.

Al was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Knowledge +, a project linking schools, libraries and municipalities in 14 Connecticut towns. As coordinator for the project, Al worked with and coordinated to efforts of many different groups to form this partnership. This experience has enabled him to become familiar with the issues, governance structure and technology needs of educators, but also towns and libraries. He also serves as the chairperson for the Connecticut Library Network Governing Board.

In other activities related to the USF, Al has served on the AAESA (American Association of Education Service Centers) Telecommunications Task Force. He participated as one of Connecticut's representatives to the 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary of Education's Technology Conference and attended the EdLiNC Conference on the USF, including meetings with NARUC (National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions), the Department of Education, the FCC and the 43 members of EdLiNC. Also, Al has read extensively on the actions and decisions related to the USF and is one of the best informed individuals in our state on this topic.

***Professional Experience***

**July 1990 - Present**

Assistant Executive Director for Administration and Operations, Area Cooperative Educational Services, Hamden, Connecticut.

**Responsibilities:**

Manage the fiscal and building operations and Food Services of Area Cooperative Educational Services; supervise all renovations and new construction, oversee OSHA and ADA; oversee Distance Learning Consortium; supervise the Directors of Technology, and Transportation; develop budgets for presentation to Governing Board; present to boards of education regarding available technology services.

**September 1977 - June 1990**

Director of Technology and Administrative Services Division, Area Cooperative Educational Services, Hamden, Connecticut.

**Responsibilities:**

Managed Computer Services and a statewide computer network; administered monitoring and servicing of all telecommunication lines throughout the network; administered the designing, programming, and testing of all data processing enhancements; analyzed and produced application systems; supervise the production of documentation for all applications; supervised use of all applications presently in operation.

**February 1976 - August 1977**

Information Service Specialist, Capitol Region Education Council, West Hartford, Connecticut.

**Responsibilities:**

Developed client awareness of available information services, negotiated with clients on their information needs, developed search strategies in response to such questions, developed local data based on education, and assisted in the development of a statewide educational data base..

***Educational Background***

**1965 - 1983**

University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, graduate work.

**1965**

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Florida Atlantic, University, Boca Raton, Florida. Major: French.